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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a long-term care committee.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE — MEMBERSHIP —
2 DUTIES.

3 1. A long-term care committee is established which shall
4 consist of ten voting members as follows:

5 a. Five members of the general public, one selected by each
6 of the following:

- 7 (1) The older Iowans legislature.
- 8 (2) The Iowa alliance for retired Americans.
- 9 (3) The Iowa association of area agencies on aging.
- 10 (4) The Iowa caregivers association.
- 11 (5) AARP Iowa.

12 b. Five members representative of those involved in the
13 delivery of long-term care services selected by the president
14 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
15 in accordance with section 2.32A.

16 2. The following individuals shall serve as ex-officio,
17 nonvoting members of the committee:

18 a. (1) Five members of the senate appointed by the
19 president of the senate in accordance with section 2.32A and
20 five members of the house of representatives appointed by the
21 speaker of the house in accordance with section 2.32A.

22 (2) The members of the senate and house of representatives
23 appointed pursuant to subparagraph (1) shall include all of the
24 following:

25 (a) The chairpersons and ranking members of the committees
26 on human resources or a member of the committee designated by
27 the chairperson or ranking member, respectively.

28 (b) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
29 appropriations subcommittee on health and human services or
30 a member of the committee designated by the chairpersons or
31 ranking members, respectively.

32 b. The director or the director's designee of the department
33 on aging, the department of human services, the department of
34 inspections and appeals, and the department of public health.

35 c. The long-term care ombudsman, or the long-term care

1 ombudsman's designee.

2 d. The commissioner of insurance or the commissioner's
3 designee.

4 3. The voting members of the committee shall select
5 co-chairpersons at the initial meeting of the committee, one of
6 whom shall be a member of the general public selected pursuant
7 to subsection 1, paragraph "a", and one of whom shall be a
8 member selected pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "b".

9 4. The department on aging shall provide administrative
10 support to the committee.

11 5. The committee shall do all of the following:

12 a. Comprehensively review the existing long-term care
13 delivery system in the state and make recommendations to
14 create a sustainable, person-centered approach that increases
15 health and life outcomes and supports maximum independence by
16 providing the appropriate level of care and services through
17 a balance of facility-based and home and community-based
18 options; to address medical and social needs in a coordinated,
19 integrated manner; to provide for sufficient resources
20 including a stable, well-qualified workforce; and which provide
21 for fiscal accountability.

22 b. Provide a forum for open and constructive dialogue
23 among stakeholders representing individuals involved in the
24 delivery and financing of long-term care services and supports,
25 consumers, and families of consumers in need of such services
26 and support.

27 c. Specifically address the cost and financing of long-term
28 care services, the coordination of services among providers,
29 the availability of and access to a well-qualified workforce
30 including both the compensated workforce and family and
31 other uncompensated caregivers, and the balance between
32 facility-based and home and community-based care and services.

33 d. Consider methods to educate consumers and enhance
34 engagement of consumers in the broader conversation regarding
35 long-term care issues, including their experience with,

1 concern about, and expectations and recommendations for action
2 regarding the long-term care delivery system in the state.

3 e. Recommend ways to eliminate Iowa's institutional bias
4 and come into full compliance with the Olmstead decision.

5 f. Consult with the state universities and other
6 institutions with expertise in the area of elder issues and the
7 long-term care continua.

8 g. Submit an interim report, with any preliminary
9 recommendations, to the governor and the general assembly by
10 December 15, 2015.

11 6. All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public
12 and ample time shall be allowed at each meeting for public
13 testimony and comments.

14 7. The committee may request information and assistance
15 from state agencies as needed to complete its work.

16 8. The committee shall complete its deliberations and issue
17 a final report by December 15, 2016. The final report shall be
18 submitted to the governor and the general assembly and contain
19 recommendations for action along with the rationale for the
20 recommendations.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill establishes a long-term care committee. The
25 bill specifies the membership of the committee and the duties
26 of the committee. The committee is directed to submit an
27 interim report with recommendations to the governor and the
28 general assembly by December 15, 2015, and is to complete its
29 deliberations and submit a final report to the governor and the
30 general assembly, including recommendations for action and the
31 rationale for the recommendations, by December 15, 2016.